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#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 006-21**

## AN ORDER DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL STATUS, CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS TO PREPARE FOR THE 2022 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

## Section 1: Authority

This executive order is hereby issued in accordance with the powers and authority granted to the Governor by Article IV, Sections 6 and 7 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and the American Samoa Code Annotated, Section 4.0111.

### Section 2: Preamble

- WHEREAS, American Samoa last reviewed our Constitution in 2010, and in light of everchanging conditions, including a global pandemic, a Constitutional Convention is both timely and warranted;
- WHEREAS, on September 23, 2021, Public Law 37-6 was signed into law in order to provide an adequate budget of the American Samoa Constitutional Convention; and
- WHEREAS, Executive Order 002-2016 created the Office of Political Status, Constitutional Review, and Federal Relations for the purpose of researching and developing constitutional as well as political status issues and public education, communications, and civil discourse;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA**, Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Constitution of American Samoa and the American Samoa Code Annotated, hereby execute this order.

#### Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities

The Office of Political Status, Constitutional Review, and Federal Relations is directed to:

- (a) Prepare for the 2022 Constitutional Convention through research, public engagement, and logistical support;
- (b) Prepare and support a Mock Constitutional Convention in coordination with the Department of Education and other government agencies; and

(c) Coordinate with the Treasury Department to assure full and accurate accounting of all funds budgeted and expended for the Constitutional Convention.

Section 4: Repealer

This order rescinds Executive Order 004-2009.

**Section 5:** Effective Date

This order shall take effect immediately.

Date: 10/1/2021

Lemanu P. S. Mauga

Governor of American Samoa